

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE:

January 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Cultural Arts Council Vacancies

There are currently three (3) vacancies on the Cultural Arts Council (CAC). Two are resulting from the term-limits of Nina Duval and Isadore Havenick; the third seat has remained vacant for the past two years. Two other members, Charles Million and Merle Weiss, are up for reappointment. Adhering to the guidelines set forth in the Ordinance establishing the CAC, a Nominating Committee was convened on December 12, 2013 to review and screen interested candidates for these positions. The City Clerk's Office provided the Nominating Committee with three (3) applications for the three vacancies.

At its December 12, 2013 meeting, the CAC unanimously approved the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to request appointment of Ileana Bravo and Israel Sands for two of the three vacant seats. Both Ms. Bravo and Mr. Sands were active, contributing members of the CAC until they reached their term limits, and both are eligible for appointment again after the required two-year hiatus. Additionally, the Council unanimously recommended requesting the reappointments of Charles Million and Merle Weiss.

Pursuant to Section 2-55(d) of Ordinance No. 97-3075, as amended, establishing the Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council (CAC) "vacancies on the Council shall be filled by the Mayor and City Commission. In filling any vacancy, the Mayor and City Commission may select a replacement Council member from a list of three (3) candidates which shall be submitted by the remaining members of the Council." Further, "the individual members of the City Commission may supplement the Council's suggested list with additional names of candidates or, if neither the candidates on the Council's suggested list nor the additional names submitted by the individual members of the City Commission are approved, the Council shall submit an entirely different list" for consideration.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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